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U.S. Labor Department's MSHA seeks to hire metal and nonmetal mine inspectors for Denham Springs, La., duty station *Applicant screening to be held in New Iberia, La., on Dec. 1 and 2*

ARLINGTON, Va. – The U.S. Department of Labor's Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) today announced the availability of additional metal and nonmetal mine inspector positions for the duty station in Denham Springs, La. Interested citizens should register and apply online through MSHA's Web site prior to the Nov. 19 deadline. An applicant screening will be held in New Iberia, La., on Dec. 1 and 2. MSHA is recruiting for both surface and electrical positions.

"MSHA is interested in hiring professionals who are willing to help our agency keep U.S. mines safe by preventing accidental injuries and fatalities," said Richard E. Stickler, assistant secretary of labor for mine safety and health. "This agency needs motivated individuals eager to help us continue to protect our nation's miners."

MSHA's screening, to be held under the agency's ongoing Mine Inspector Career Trainee Program, will include testing and interviewing registered applicants interested in these positions. To register, go to www.msha.gov and click on "Jobs at MSHA." Select vacancy announcement number MSHA-08-091A-LA-SC and follow the instructions for submitting an application. Space is limited. Reservations will be made on a first-come, first-served basis, which will be determined by the dates applications are received and processed through the Web site.

Applicants should indicate whether or not they are claiming veteran's preference. Applications that do not include phone numbers, addresses, and information on citizenship and basic qualification requirements cannot be considered. Each applicant should bring to the screening photo identification, a complete resume that fully describes work experience and documentation required to support any veteran's preference claim.

All applicants will be notified of test results. Selected candidates will participate in a formal two-year training program, should be able to perform arduous duties and can expect a starting annual salary of about \$43,000. In addition to a 40-hour workweek with generous annual, sick and holiday leave, selected candidates are offered health, life and long-term care insurance; a stable retirement program, including a tax-deferred savings plan; travel reimbursement; and flexible spending accounts for medical and dental expenses.

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